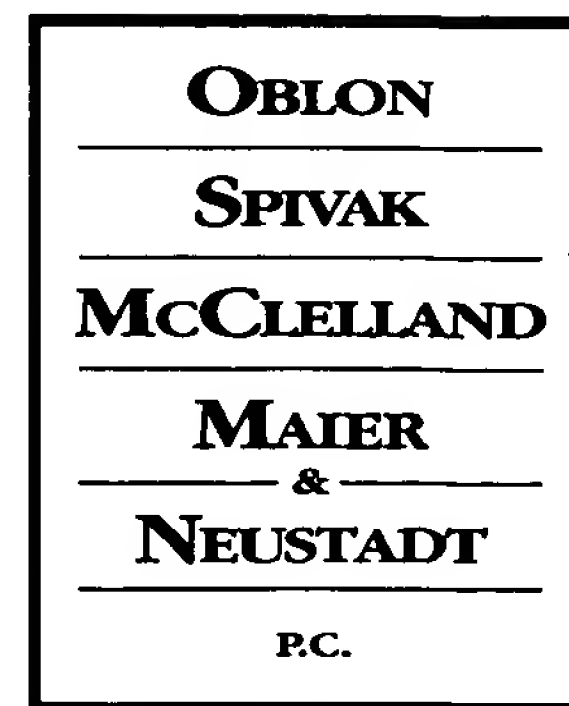


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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/994,053
Applicants: Yoshitomo NAGAHASHI et al.
Filing Date: November 27, 2001
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL METHOD OF
EXPOSURE APPARATUS
Group Art Unit: 2851
Examiner: ESPLIN, D. B.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)

Our check in the amount of **-0-** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify Applicants of proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on February 26, 2002.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On February 26, 2002, Applicants filed the above-noted IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. On September 15, 2003, and January 9, 2004, Applicants filed the copies of the IDS, the Form PTO-1449, and the date-stamped Filing Receipt, and respectfully requested the Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned to Applicants' representative. The PTO has not responded to this IDS filing by supplying Applicants with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, that has been properly initialed by the Examiner.

POINT FOR REVIEW

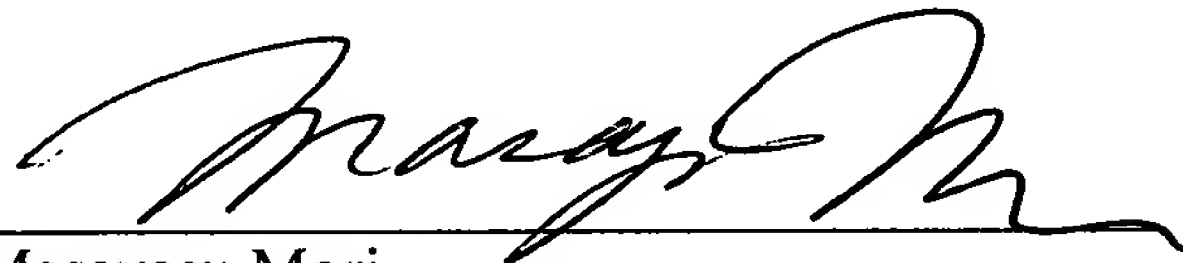
The point for review is why Applicants have not been provided a copy of the above-noted Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, properly initialed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

ACTION REQUESTED

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to provide Applicants a copy of the above-noted Form PTO-1449 filed February 26, 2002, properly initialed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

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